

ROGER MELLIE

THE MAN ON THE TELLY



LETTERBOXOCKS.

These vicars make me sick

Vicars have it easy. They don't pay tax, they get a free house, they only work one day a week and then they have the cheek to pass the plate round on a Sunday looking for tips.

It's about time Mrs Thatcher hit the vicars where it hurts — in the pocket. I say treble the poll tax for vicars and make them pay an extra £1 per foot of steeple on their church. Why should Joe Muggins have to pay extra in order to subsidise these men who wear skirts, drink tea all day and talk twaddle for 15 minutes every Sunday morning.

Mr T Evans
Somerset

What a con most of these so-called 'calendars' are. Not so the superb effort from Viz, which gives us a whopping 31 days in April, instead of the paltry 30 on offer from all the others.

What a bargain for my liver! Leap year value, in a month when it's warm enough to enjoy the extra day.

A Scratton
Cirencester

The other day whilst playing Scrabble with my wife I started and was able to make the word 'RESTORE' using all of my seven letters. I got a double word score, however my wife went on to win the game.

T More
Hampton

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Do any of your readers know anyone who might want a giant panda cub? I have two giant pandas which I keep as pets and they breed like nobody's business. I've already had to drown 40 cubs since Christmas.

Mr D Bentley
Birmingham

Anyone fancy a fight?

I think I'm a pretty hard case and I like to put myself around a bit. Would any of your readers like to have a fight?

C Goldson
Hampshire

As a parent I am disgusted by the ever increasing price of children's toys. In our day we made our own entertainment — by playing with a stick and a ball of string.

Dick Price
Walthamstow



It's forthright, it's frank It's a pile of old wank

As a vicar, I can sympathise with Mr Evans' remarks (Letterbox, Viz 42). I appreciate that many people are struggling to make ends meet especially since the introduction of the community charge. Whilst it is true that vicars only work one day out of seven, Mr Evans has obviously overlooked the fact that we are also required to work on Christmas Day (for no extra pay) while everyone else is at home watching TV and opening their presents. He would do well to get his facts right next time.

Rev A Marshall
Crantock

How about a picture of a bloke kissing that bird's arse?

Tom McArthur
Bolton

*Here you are Tom. Happy to oblige.



Whilst having sex have any of your readers tried pushing a drawing pin into their buttocks and knocking it home with a heavy book?

If so, I should like to know what it's like, as my wife and I have yet to try it.

Major B Bradshaw
Aldershot



PREVENT eggs from rolling off kitchen work surfaces by keeping them in a small bowl or similar receptacle.

L Bowman
Tijuan

ENTERTAIN your family with a comical impression of snooker star Dennis Taylor by simply wearing your glasses upside down.

B Potter
Aberdeen

If a dog is about to attack you in the street, stand your ground. Do not show any signs of fear as this will encourage the animal to attack.

Mrs B Sellers
Cricklewood

TEACH your children the value of money by bursting their football. They will then have to work to earn enough to buy a replacement.

Mr G Moran
Finchley

YES, WE HAVE NO BANANAS

That was the shock message from greengrocers up and down the country as supplies of our favourite fruit began drying up yesterday.

There were scenes reminiscent of World War Two rationing as housewives queued to snap up the few bananas that remained on Britain's supermarket shelves. And electricity chiefs reported a sudden drop in demand for electricity as people switched off their kettles and went out in search of bananas.

Shell shocked shopkeepers blame the shortage on greedy growers in Africa who are **CHOPPING DOWN** banana trees and **CASHING IN** on increased demand for turnips, swedes and radishes.

"As a result of the Chernobyl disaster Eastern Europe's vegetable crop has consistently failed," explains Dr Wolfgang Zimmerman,

WHEN under attack from a large polar bear, roll into a ball and remain perfectly still. Any movement on your part will excite the animal and increase your chance of injury.

Mrs B Sellers
Cricklewood

BEAT the credit card companies at their own game. Run up a massive bill on your credit cards and then kill yourself before your statement arrives, thus avoiding re-payment.

D Payne
Middlesex

IF being pursued by a rogue rhinoceros, run in a straight line directly away from the animal. Just before he catches you, dart quickly to one side or another. Unable to change direction, the bulky animal's momentum will carry him a good distance away, enabling you to run up a tree and call for help.

Mrs B Sellers
Cricklewood

lecturer in Fruit and Vegetables at Loughborough University. And prices on the world vegetable market have reached record levels as farmhouse soup manufacturers attempt to out bid each other for the limited supplies which are available.

Greenpeace believe that one thousand square miles of African banana forest is being felled every fifteen minutes to make way for vegetables. "People don't realise that the African banana forests are a major source of oxygen, and bananas," a spokesman told us. "If we continue to destroy them at this rate we could all suffocate by the year 2000." A spokesman for the International Federation of Farmhouse and Country Vegetable Soup Manufacturers denied this claim. "People would be just as quick to complain if there was no turnips, swedes or radishes in their soup," he told us. "There are two sides to every coin."

Meanwhile black marketers are enjoying a field day. One man we spoke to at King's Cross station offered to sell us a banana for £200. "I've got three. You can have them all for five hundred," he told us.

RE-SPRAYING your car? Cover it with 'cling-film' first. If you don't like the new colour simply peel it off and start again with another.

Denise Jordan
Potts Wood

DON'T panic when being chased over land by a crocodile. Simply run in a zig-zag fashion. These large reptiles are only able to run in straight lines and will be confused by your constant changes of direction and will soon give up the chase.

Mrs B Sellers
Cricklewood



Hi! Fanny Batter reporting. And it's been another busy week for the stars in Tinseltown, I can tell you.

Word is hunky Miami Vice star Don Johnson has just spent \$7 million on a new bathroom suite made out of gold. And get this - the plugs are diamond! Only problem is dashy Don, 42, has no-one to share bathtimes with. Long time girlfriend Sheena Easton walked out of his \$68 billion Santa Barbara ranch after Don, 38, drove her brand new 'E' type Jag into the swimming pool. Friends of the sexy Scottish songstress tell me the new man in Sheena's life is spooky ghost film star Vincent Price, 108.

Supersize neighbours of top tennis star John McEnroe have raised a racket about goings on at his \$28 billion Beverly Hills mansion. Eddie Murphy, Richard Burton and Bob Hope have all signed Jane Fonda's petition calling for McEnroe to quit his \$138 million castle. Trouble is Mac's kids, Trebor, 5 (his son by Aretha Franklin) and Amie, 12 (daughter by his marriage to Ryan O'Neal, 56) have been playing football and their ball went over the fence and broke a window in Judy Garland's \$350 billion crystal greenhouse, a gift

from former president Richard Nixon to screen temptress Marilyn Monroe.

Word is that McEnroe, 20, is set to quit his \$126 million Belle Air apartment and set up shop with Jamie Lee Curtis. Trouble is sexy 'Fish Called Wanda' star Jamie, daughter of swashbuckling Erol Flynn, hasn't told her long time hubby Charlton Heston about the new love match.



Divorce lawyers are rubbing their hands together at rumours that sultry Kim Bassinger's 12 year marriage to Crackerjack star Bernie Clifton is on the rocks. Friends say that Kim, 23, still loves Bernie but isn't prepared to share him with another bird - namely his comedy ostrich! The dumb bird accompanies Bernie everywhere - even to the marital bed! Diners at \$800 a head Beverly Hills restaurant 'Mr Vitone's' couldn't believe their ears when Kim, 24, gave Bernie a dramatic ultimatum. "It's me or the comedy ostrich", she screamed before storming out of the \$1200 a head Belle Air nightspot. Word is the new man in her life is non other than former Basil Brush straight man Ray North.

Viz

In the last issue we asked YOU to vote for a new cover price for your big value Viz. And the good news is that by a majority of over 100% nine out of ten readers unanimously voted in favour of a decrease to 50p per copy. Accordingly, this issue was set to go on sale at only 50p. However, at the eleventh hour, we were dealt a sickening blow when Chancellor John Major announced an extra 50p on all bi-monthly adult humour magazines from Newcastle, in his budget.



Major - 50p on comic shock.

Reluctantly the presses were stopped and the price changed accordingly to £1. If you feel this is too high a price to pay for a juvenile magazine containing much the same jokes in every issue, address your complaints to Chancellor John Major, 11 Downing Street, London. Please mark your envelopes 'I think it's day-light robbery'.

JOIN THE ARMY



COS ALL THE BIRDS ARE GAGGING FOR SQUADDIES

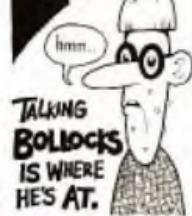
If you aren't getting any, then Britain's modern army is the place to be. After 6 months' basic training your shoulders will be broad, and your knob will be red raw with shagging. So if you fancy a bit, pop in to your local recruiting office or fill in the form for more details.

To: The Army, Aldershot

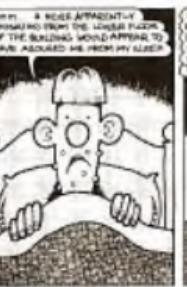
I'm not getting my end away and I reckon 33 years hiding behind some garden wall in Belfast will just about see me right.

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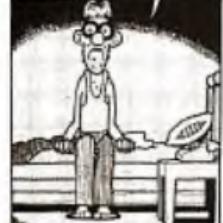
MR LOGIC



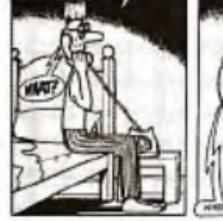
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BOLLOCKS
IS WHERE
HE'S AT.



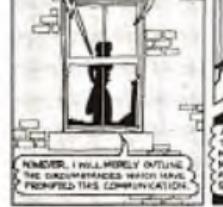
WHEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING COMMUNICATION TO THE APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY SERVICE WOULD BE PROBABLY APPROPRIATE.



THERE ARE NO INHERENT COMPLICATING CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WOULD REQUIRE THE POLICE TO BE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, A REPORT OF AN APPROPRIATE INCIDENT IS PREDOMINANT IN THE LETTER WRITER'S REQUEST.



AND WHAT? I HEARD NOT PREDICING. SO TELL YOU, I DON'T WANT ANYTHING WHICH YOU THINK MIA BE UNFOLICATE AS 'SCHOOLMAN DISCRETION.'



MEMORANDUM: I WILL MERELY OUTLINE THE APPROPRIATE INCIDENT WHICH HAS PREPARED THIS COMMUNICATION.



POSSESSED!

A terrified Glasgow father has issued a desperate plea for help. "Please help me save my son. He is the Devil incarnate".

Ever since his son Damien was born 14 years ago, Tom McAllister has lead a one man campaign to have him exorcised, a campaign that has cost Tom his home, his marriage and eventually his liberty. But Tom remains convinced that Satan has come to Earth in his son's body.

NIGHTMARE

"These last 14 years have been like a nightmare from which there is no awakening", Tom told us. "I have fought a battle with the forces of evil, and through the eyes of my son I have come face to face with Satan himself".

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When Damien was born he was given a clean bill of health by staff at the local maternity hospital, and Tom's wife Margaret was allowed to take the baby home after 4 days. "We were the happiest couple in the world", Tom recalls, "but then it started to happen".

EVE

Tom's face turns white as he recalls how the first signs of evil began to manifest themselves. "The day we got back from the hospital I was sitting holding the baby. Margaret was in the kitchen. Suddenly I felt a jolt through Damien's body, and I looked down to see sick spurting out of his mouth. Then he just looked at me. I could sense great evil. It was frightening".

SCREAMS

The vomiting continued, especially after feeds. "At times he would wake during the night, vomit, then we'd hear chilling screams from his cot. I would try picking him up, but the screaming would continue. Then he'd stop, suddenly, and just look at me. It was then that I first sensed Satan within him, and that my son was possessed by the Devil".

Satan stalks

the Earth

-in my son's body

Tom explained his concerns to wife Margaret, but she was sceptical, despite increasing evidence which by now included brightly coloured excrement. "One day I was changing his nappy. The Devil obviously thought I was trying to exorcise his spirit, so Damien was screaming wildly. Suddenly I noticed the mess in his nappy was bright green, just like the sick in that film 'The Omen'. I pointed this out to the health visitor, but she said it was normal. At this point I first suspected that something was wrong. I knew this was the work of Beelzebub. Damien was not my son. He was the son of Satan - the Devil incarnate."

EXORCISM

Tom contacted a local priest. "I knew the only way I could save him was by exorcism, but the priest didn't seem interested. He suggested we have him christened instead."

LUCIFER

As Tom left the church, he felt an evil presence watching over him. "Branches in nearby trees began to sway slightly in the wind, and it seemed to get a bit darker. I realised then, for the first time, that I was engaged in mortal combat with Lucifer himself, and the battle had only just begun".

EXCLUSIVE



Tom (left) and (above) the child he lost to Satan.

said 'mama', or something like that, but I immediately recognised this as the voice of Satan".

CANDLABRA

That evening Tom was arrested trying to break into the flat carrying several wooden stakes, a candelabra and a mallet. "I was trying to save my son, not harm him", Tom insists. But after further tests he was returned to long-term psychiatric care.

CRUEL

After several unsuccessful escape attempts, Tom now spends his time praying for his son behind the bars of a high security mental institution in Arbroath. But he has these words of warning for his wife Margaret and others who have scoffed at his claims.

GRAVY BOAT

"I believe this is just the beginning. The dawn of the beginning of the end. Damien was spurned of the Devil, son of Satan, to bring about Armageddon. Evil shall conquer Good. The seas will boil, the earth open up and all mankind shall be swallowed. There will be death, disease, and eternal suffering for all of us for evermore. And it will be the end of the world. You mark my words."

NAPKIN RINGS

Tom claims his fears have been confirmed by a series of tragedies which have affected his family since his son's birth. Several of Tom's aunts have died, a nephew was badly injured in a car crash, and in October 1986 a tree fell on a car belonging to Margaret's sister Elaine. Luckily no-one was hurt.

SPOILT

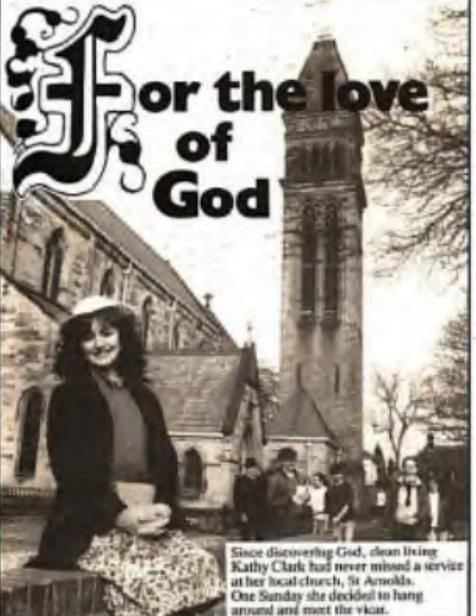
BASTARD





THE SINGAPORE SONG





For the love of God

Since discovering God, clean living Kathy Clark has never missed a service at her local church, St Arnolds. One Sunday she decided to hang around and meet the vicar.



YES MY CHILD,
CAN I HELP YOU?

I JUST WANTED TO
CONGRATULATE YOU ON THAT
BEAUTIFUL SERMON



YOU ARE
JOKEING ARENT
YOU VICAR?

NO, OF
COURSE NOT



ALL THOSE SERMONS SOUND
THE BLEEDIN' SAME TO ME!

I JUST COPY THEM ALL
OUT OF THE BIBLE YOU KNOW.
GOOD BOOK THAT, GEDDIT?



I DON'T BELIEVE THIS.
HOW CAN YOU, A VICAR GIVE A
SERMON AND NOT BELIEVE IN
WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?

NEXT YOU'LL BE TELLING ME
YOU DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD!



GOD HAI WHO
BELIEVES IN GOD?
I CERTAINLY DON'T

YOU'D HAVE TO BE A LOONEY
TO BELIEVE ALL THAT TWADDLE
ABOUT ADAM AND EVE AND ANGELS
AND PIXIES AND WHATEVER ELSE.



COME OFF IT LOVE, YOU DON'T
SERIOUSLY BELIEVE IN GOD DO YOU?

I CAN'T
BELIEVE I'M
HEARING THIS!



IF YOU HAVE NO FAITH
THEN WHY ARE YOU A VICAR?

HEY, WE'VE ALL GOT TO
EARN A LIVING SOMEHOW.
IT PAYS THE RENT, YOU KNOW.

LISTEN, I'D LOVE TO
STAY AND CHAT ALL DAY,
BUT EVEN VICARS HAVE TO EAT.

HOW ABOUT WE POP INTO
THE PUB AND CARRY ON THIS
CONVERSATION OVER A DRINK
AND A SANDWICH?

Kathy was reluctant to accept the vicar's offer but, intrigued by his unusual attitude, she decided to go along for a drink.



Kathy quickly turned the conversation to religion



That evening Roger did some serious thinking about what Kathy had said.



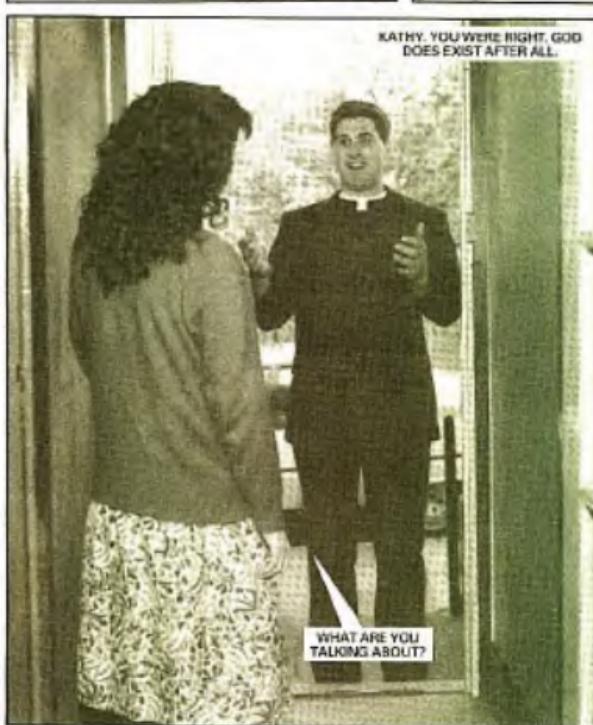
And that night, before he went to bed, he stopped. And he said a prayer.



The next day there was a knock at Kathy's door.



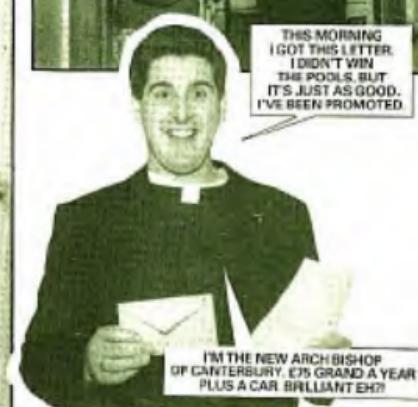
KATHY, YOU WERE RIGHT. GOD DOES EXIST AFTER ALL.



LAST NIGHT, BEFORE I WENT TO BED I PRAYED THAT I WOULD WIN THE POOLS



THIS MORNING I GOT THIS LETTER. I DIDN'T WIN THE POOLS, BUT IT'S JUST AS GOOD. I'VE BEEN PROMOTED.



SO I WAS THINKING NOW THAT I BELIEVE IN GOD...



OH, ALL RIGHT THEN ROGER.



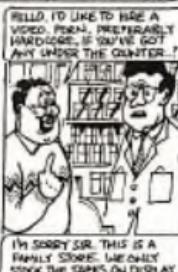
I'M SURE WE'LL BE HAPPY TOGETHER. YOU, ME... AND GOD.



MORRIS DAY

SEXUAL PERVERT

THAT REMINDS ME. DID YOU VETO THAT FOREIGN FILM ON CHANNEL 4 LAST NIGHT? THE LATEST IN THE LESBIAN CINEMA SERIES?



HMM, THIS MIGHT BE ALRIGHT. BLUE ELECTRIC WINDOW CLEANER. CERTIFICATE B. INDEED PLEASING.



OH YES, THIS IS MARVELLOUS. I'LL FINISH IT RIGHT THERE!



Billy the Fish.

He is a loquacious fish in the law, young Billy Fisherton at about 1000 words a minute. He has not the most taste.

MUCHER - A FISHING-TOFF OFFICIAL FISHMEN - UNITED ON THE FISH FEDERAL IS THE LEAD IN THE SENTENCE.



HERE HE IS, WONDING, SAY, DON'T MIGHT WORK, BILLY.

PROFESSOR, THAT'S PROSPECTIVE!

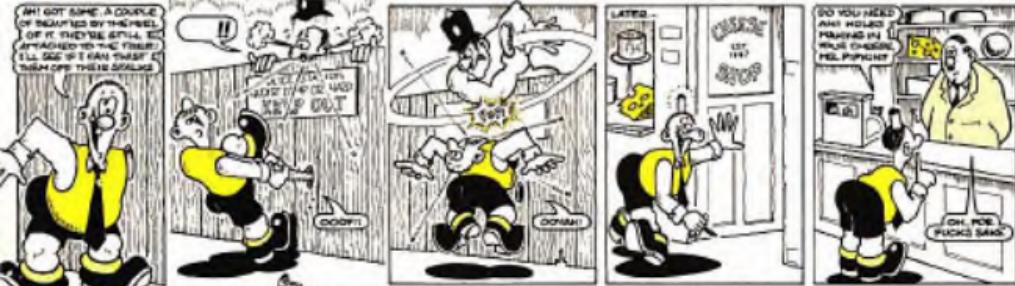
JUST WHEN TIME MACHINE...

ME, PERHAPS YOU COULD TRY FISHING A LITTLE, BUT FURTHER THE TIME.

WHOOOSH!



HOLEY
JOE



BONKING ON THE BUSES!

Fellas, what's **YOUR** idea of the most glamourous job in the world? Film star, stunt rider or international spy perhaps? It's certainly true that men in these professions pull their fair share of gorgeous girls. James Bond for example has sex with up to four girls in each film, while Eddie Kidd is never seen with the same top model twice. But bus driver **LES TAYLOR** claims these occupations are a bore compared to bus driving. According to Les all the action takes place on the buses!

In his new book 'Sex On The Buses' Les blows the lid off Britain's bonking bus drivers. They're all at it, according to Les. Here, in an exclusive extract from his book, Les lets us in on just some of the sexual secrets of life behind the wheel.

SEXY A lot of people imagine its boring driving a bus back and forth along the same route every day. But nothing could be further from the truth.

My favourite route ran through a housing estate. It was the number 47, but back at the depot we called it the '69' for obvious reasons. I'd take my bus down there at 9.30 after all the fellas had gone to work, and the birds would be queuing up for it at every stop. I'd make sure every one of them got a good ride. I'd be so busy I often got back to the depot 6 or 7 hours late!

SEXY

Sometimes I would do a country route just to give myself a rest. But on one occasion that plan back fired. I was driving to this village where no-one lived so I knew I'd have a quiet run. Little did I know a dozen top models had been posing for a sexy calendar in the countryside, and they all got on my bus to go home. I drove around the countryside for several hours, stopping on request to *push their tickets*. When we eventually got back to the terminal I parked in a quiet corner and *got off* with all of them at once.

SEX

Mind you, its not all group sex on the buses. Sometimes I'd only have sex with one woman at a time. Like the time a gorgeous blond film star got on my bus. It was the last run of the evening and there was no-one else on board. She smiled and asked if I went all the way. I didn't need to be asked twice, and within seconds the windows were all steamed up and the suspension was being tested to its limit. By the time we'd finished - several hours later - the bus was a total write

Lusty Les drives the girls wild 'I always give them a good ride'



Les (left) and a bus.

off. I told the inspector I'd driven over some rough ground and he believed me. I still smile every time I drive past that old bus in the scrapyard.

HANDFUL

It wasn't always the passengers who provided the fun on the buses. The clippies were just as bad. I remember one in particular. Sandra was her name. On her first day the inspector asked me to take her in hand. And it wasn't long till I was showing her how to give someone a fourpenny one. With Sandra around there was always room for me up top. Quite a handful she was, I can tell you.

DOUBLE DECKER

Mind you, being a double decker Romeo does have its hazards. I remember once I was having sex with this girl in my cab when her husband got on the bus! I've never put my regulation trousers on so quickly in my life! It was only when I got back to the depot that I realised I had them on back to front. My face was as red as my bus, I can tell you.



Another time I was stuck at some traffic lights so I decided to nip up top and have sex with a tasty housewife who'd given me the eye earlier. But while we were at it upstairs, a stern lady inspector boarded the bus. When she saw what was going on I thought I'd be sacked on the spot. But to my surprise she whipped off her tunic and joined in!

MILKY BAR

Our steamy sex session continued, even after the lights

had changed... again and again and again! There was quite a queue of cars behind the bus before those two ladies eventually rang my bell and I was able to move off.

Next week: Les tells how his bus got stuck on a level crossing and it took eleven members of a passing Swedish hockey team to eventually pull him off.

Report slams police

A report published this month in the consumer watchdog magazine *What* reveals a majority of the British public believe the police force discriminates against minority groups.

OPINION

And it is the motorist who suffers most from police discrimination according to public opinion. Over 75% of the people questioned thought that police officers deliberately discriminated against drivers who drove either too fast, or in an erratic manner while under the influence of alcohol.

GROUPS

According to the survey other minority groups such as burglars are often singled out for attention by the police.

FEDERATION

A spokesman for the Federation of Policemen said that public confidence in Britain's



The police yesterday.

police was on the increase, despite the fact that they occasionally roughed people up or shot them by mistake. Meanwhile, a report published by the Police Complaints Commission, the Government's official independent police monitoring watchdog public accountability body, showed that the number of complaints made against police officers increased during the last year.

VAUR

A spokesman claimed that this was due to an increase in the number of complaints made over the past twelve months.

MY LIFE WITH T

"Jagger, Bowie, Fish out of Marillion. You name 'em, I've fitted their kitchens. And some of the stories I could tell you, you just wouldn't believe."

One day I had an appointment to measure up for a new kitchen at Rod Stewart's Surrey mansion. He was living with stunning film star Britt Ekland at the time, and I remember arriving to find some sort of sex and drugs orgy in full swing. There were naked women, most of them top celebrities, in every room. Champagne was flowing like confetti.

SEX

Anyway, I made my way to the kitchen and couldn't believe what I saw. It was narrow - about 7 feet wide by 13½ long, with only one outside wall. I immediately realised a peninsula work unit was out of the question. The choice of position of the cooker was also limited. Rod's idea of a ranch style breakfast bar was a non-starter.



SEXY ROD

Choosing your kitchen is probably the hardest decision you ever have to make - even for the stars. One day I got a call from Mick Jagger. Could I come over immediately and fit a kitchen. I threw a few tools in the van and headed straight for Mick's Surrey mansion.

SPANNED

It wasn't long after Brian Jones had died, and the band were all sat around writing songs and taking drugs. I went straight through to the kitchen which was a large basement room at the back of the house. Mick had indicated a preference for a traditional country kitchen in solid pine and left the finer details up to Mariane Faithful. After all, she was going to be the one doing the cooking.



SEXY BRITT

I measured up as best I could, then went to find Rod to tell him the score. I found him upstairs on a bed having sex with some film star, so I told Britt I'd pop a quote in the post within a day or two.

VIBRATOR

A fortnight later the job was mine. Rod took my advice and plumped for a straight galley design with a built-in electric hob and matching eye-level cupboards, all finished in grey melamine with marble effect work surfaces and extruded aluminium trim. The whole lot came to £400 - a lot of money in those days - but Rod was very happy with the job.

Most of us never get to meet our pop idols. But for a lucky few - technicians, roadies, sound and light engineers - mixing with the stars is just a part of their job. And one man, RONNIE ROBINSON, has perhaps got closer to the stars than anyone throughout his 25 year career as a kitchen fitter, fitting kitchens for all of the biggest names in the music world.

The drugs, the booze, the naked sex orgies - I've seen it all'



GEORGE HARRISON

glazed green and white alternating tiles for the splash back. I would have to order them specially from the warehouse and it could take up to 14 days for delivery. But she was adamant, so I placed the order and got on with the rest of the work.

BREASTS

When the tiles arrived I had everything else finished so all that remained was to put them up. Simple, I thought. Little did I know the splashback height didn't coincide with the size of the tiles, and I was there all afternoon trimming the top row to size.

TONGUE

Anyway, I'd just finished grouting the last tile when in walks Mick, not with Mariane, but with Bianca Jagger, the new girl in his life. She took one look at the tiles and shook her head. "I want those removed", she said. Mick was so embarrassed, but I'm a pro, so I just got on with the job, replacing the tiles with self-adhesive 'tile-on-a-role' wall covering - the wipe clean type. It looks good, but lasts nothing like as long as a good ceramic surface.

NAKED

When I was finished I sealed the work surface edging with a half inch quadrant ramin and cellulose varnish. I was glad to see the back of that kitchen; I can tell you.

ERECT NIPPLES

You wouldn't believe the way some pop stars carry on. They spend a fortune on cars, parties, booze and drugs, but when it comes to investing a few bob in a decent quality fitted kitchen some of them simply don't want to know.

ORGASM

I was having a drink with Radio One DJ Simon Bates one evening. The previous night he'd done Top Of The

I'd heard a lot about Mariane, especially in the tabloid papers. In those days she had quite a reputation, but even so I was surprised by her choice of part

THE STARS



SEXY SIMES



LEMMY (out of Motorhead)

Pops, and between takes Lemmy, out of Motorhead, had told Simes he was having trouble with his kitchen. By coincidence I was just finishing a job at Freddie Mercury's so the next day I popped in to see Lemmy, who lives just round the corner.

THROBBED

Lemmy told me that smoke was building up in his kitchen whenever he used the deep fat fryer, and as a result his suspended polystyrene ceiling tiles were filthy. A quick inspection revealed that the extractor hood on his Tricity 7 flash mounted hob wasn't working – the filters were clogged up.

THRUST

I gave Lemmy a price to overhaul the hood and replace the filters – a ballpark figure of between fifty and sixty quid. His reply was unprintable. Instead, he asked me to remove the filters and then simply replace the cowling on the hood. In return he said he'd buy me a drink. I explained that such a move would leave live wires exposed to temperatures in excess of the manufacturer's recognised safety parameters. As a responsible member of the National Guild of Kitchen Fitters, I had no choice but to pick up my tools and leave.

MOAN

If I had carried out that work, I would not only have been risking my professional reputation as a kitchen fitter, but also the lives of Lemmy out of Motorhead and his family. That was

something I was not prepared to do. I later heard from Mark Knopfler that Lemmy was cooking again, and using his hood without filters. Although I'm not prepared to name names, I know who carried out this work. Lemmy out of Motorhead's kitchen is now a powder keg, just waiting to explode. The fitter concerned could have that on his conscience for the rest of his life.

SEXY

Luckily not all pop stars have the same scant regard for kitchen safety regulations. The vast majority play it strictly by the rules. Take my mate Phil Collins. I've lost count of the number of kitchens I've put in for Phil over the years. It could be two or maybe three. But every time he tells me, 'Ronnie. Safety first, I don't care what it costs.' I wish all my customers were like Phil!.

You can delve deeper into the secret lives of the stars by reading Ronnie's new book 'I FITTED LOADS OF STARS' KITCHENS' by Ronnie Robinson (Turnip Books, £13.95), available from most good book shops, and W. H. Smiths.

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FABULOUS PRIZES

To win one of these fabulous prizes all you have to do is study careful the kitchen below, and using your skill, judgment and the clues provided by Ronnie, tell us which star Ronnie fitted this particular kitchen for.



"I fitted this kitchen for one of my favourite stars in an old house. He insisted that all the doors were green. One particular cupboard was set aside for his wife's lipstick, powder and paint.

I asked if he wanted a stainless steel sink and he said "I might". He thought about it for a while, then said, "Yes I do".

Send your answers, together with £5, to Shakin Stevens Celebrity Kitchen £5 Entry Fee No Prizes competition, Viz, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1PT. Mark your envelope 'I am a daft bastard and have enclosed £5'.





CUT ABOVE THE REST!

Top Ten

THE PHANTOM CHORDS proved themselves to be a *cut above* the competition in this issue's Top Ten Chart, brought to you exclusively by **PAUL'S HAIRDRESSERS** of Chillingham Road, Heaton.

Their single *Johnny, Remember Me* is a re-working of the old classic which also reached No. 1 back in 1961 for Johnny Dreyton. And our sponsor Paul remembers the original well...

"That was a good record, and I wish the Phantom Chords every success with this new version". Indeed Paul suggested the five piece band, featuring former Damned front man Dave Vanian, might like to pop into his shop for a trim during their forthcoming brief UK tour. "Gents haircuts from only £2.80. Beards £1.60". Paul told us.



Runners-up position went to **16 TAMBOURINES**, a Liverpool band familiar to regular readers. We showed our picture of the Tambourines to Paul who suggested that a couple of haircuts would not go astray amongst the six piece combo. "Fashion and appearances are big factors in pop music today," said Paul, "and a good haircut can either make or break a young band like this". Paul suggested that a fashion cut, including blow dry, for just £3.50 would do the trick. If the Liverpool lads want to take Paul up on his offer, they should call in any day except Wednesday. "I'm closed all day Wednesdays," Paul told us.

There are unusual entries at 3 and 4 (619) 339 - King by **MOJO NIXON** is an aptly named tribute to the late Elvis Presley. "A lot of my customers are Elvis fans," Paul revealed. "No doubt they'll be looking for that one in the shops". Meanwhile

F.I.F.A. release their single *House of World Cup* to coincide with the international football competition of the same name. Paul promises that his shop will remain open for business as usual throughout the World Cup.

"World Cup or no World Cup, hair still grows and it will always need cutting, so that's what I do Mondays to Fridays (except Wednesday as I already mentioned) 9.00 till 5.30, and Saturdays 8.45 till 4.30."

THE ODD ECCENTRIC are another band celebrating a return to the chart, this time promoting the *Two Heads* side of their current single, which is available from the band at 3 Lancing Way, Crayley Green, Hertfordshire for £2.50, probably. If you can't afford that, and are aged 15 or over, then why not pop into Paul's on a Tuesday when OAPs can get a discount trim for just £1.40.

THE GIRAFFES are from Coventry so they'd have a long way to travel to get to Paul's shop in Chillingham Road, Heaton. But if they made it as far as Newcastle city centre, they'd find the No.1 bus service stops right outside his door. Paul asked us to extend the offer to anyone living in Coventry. "You're all welcome," he told us. "But please - don't all come at once".



On the fringes of the chart are Dundee's **BIG BLUE 72** with their *Live at the Marquee* L.P. Singer, songwriter and guitarist Keith Matheson is seen here holding an 18

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| 1 | THE PHANTOM CHORDS Johnny, Remember Me | £16.00 |
| 2 | 16 TAMBOURINES How Green Is Your Valley? | £143.00 |
| 3 | F.I.F.A. House of World Cup | £ 44.64 |
| 4 | MOJO NIXON (619) 339 King/Elvis is Everywhere | £ 75.00 |
| 5 | THE ODD ECCENTRIC Two Heads | £ 25.00 |
| 6 | THE GIRAFFES Lazy Hazel Heart | £ 25.00 |
| 7 | RANCID HELL SPAWN Gas Mask Love | £ 30.21 |
| 8 | ANDERSON HEIGHTS Four Track E.P. | £ 30.00 |
| 9 | BIG BLUE 72 Live at the Marquee | £ 22.00 |
| 10 | SKA-BOOM Lost in Ska | £ 20.21 |

pound salmon (a kind of fish) which he caught on the Tay earlier this year. "If anyone else in the chart has caught a bigger salmon than that, I'll give them a free hair cut," said Paul.

Leicester's **SKA-BOOM** spend their time dancing, not fishing. Probably. And they only just made the chart. A close shave for them, whilst others missed out altogether. "I always give my customers a

close shave," Paul told us. "And perhaps a little something for the weekend".

If you'd like to appear in the Viz Top Ten send a copy of your record, a **CASH** bribe (no cheques) plus a photo or some useful information to Viz Top Ten, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE99 1PT. Remember to mark your envelope *There's no money in here, Paulie, Honest*.

IT'S A FANTASTIC POP HAIRCUT COMPETITION

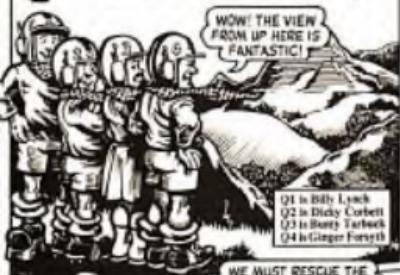
Here's a top pop competition, and it's your chance to win a haircut at Paul's plus a copy of Shakin' Stevens new single *'Yes I Do'* which features many of your favourite Viz characters on the cover of both the 7" and 12" versions. All you have to do is answer the following questions:

1. Which eighties pop group with 'haircut' in their name had a hit all about their favourite shirt?
2. Which American band's name is both a type of haircut and the name of a B52 bomber?
3. Shakin' Stevens has had more hits than most of us have had haircuts. But how many haircuts has Shakey had over the years? Include every visit to the barbers you think Shakey has ever made. And remember, he's getting on a bit.

Send your answers, on a postcard, to Paul's Viz Pop Shakin' Haircut Competition, P.O. Box 1PT, Newcastle upon Tyne NE99 1PT. The winner will get one free haircut at Paul's, first class travel included, plus a copy of the single signed by Shakey himself.

Wales. Each has a remarkable pair of shoes. They call themselves....

THE Q-SHOES





THE END.

100 THINGS YOU NEVER KNEW ABOUT CAKE

Every schoolboy knows that it was French King Louis Armstrong XIV who said "Let them have cake, but they can't eat it". But nowadays nothing could be further from the truth. Cake is consumed by everyone, rich and poor alike. Indeed the 20th century has become the year of the cake. And never more so than today.

But what do we really know about cake? What are the facts about our favourite food? Here's twenty fruit filled slices of exceedingly good information about cakes.

1 The world's first cake was baked in Egypt in 2200 BC - over a thousand years ago. It now rests inside a sealed vault at the Museum of Food and Cake at Vevier, Switzerland. No-one is allowed near the cake, as it carries an ancient Egyptian curse. A message written in hieroglyphics on the icing warns would be nibblers that anyone eating so much as a crumb will die a horrible death. Sure enough, Sir Humphrey Mountingboard who unearthed the cake in 1902 ate the cherry off the top and was killed instantly after a long illness several years later.

2 The largest man-made cake weighed a whopping 90,000 lb. That's heavier than an elephant. It was presented to the Prince of Wales during a visit to Austin, Texas in 1986. The cake stood untouched in a Buckingham Palace kitchen for almost 3 years until one night in 1989 when the Duchess of York ate it.

3 Rudyard Kipling is famous for his exceedingly good cakes. He named his Bakewell Slice after push TV presenter Joan Bakewell, because it is a high class tart.

4 Cakes have played an important part in history. Before defeating the Spanish Armada at Trafalgar Square, King Arthur is reputed to have watched a

spider burning cakes on his round table.

5 Ask for a Walnut cake in an East End bakers shop and you'll probably be referred to the nearest garden centre. That's because 'walnut cake' is cockney rhyming slang for 'garden rake'.

6 Just because something is described as a 'piece of cake' doesn't mean you can eat it. The expression 'a piece of cake' is used to describe something that is easy to do.

7 And so is 'a piece of piss'.

8 Mounthatten cake is a pink and yellow square cake with marzipan on the outside, named in honour of the late Lord Mounthatten.



9 If you want a fishcake, don't go into the baker's shop. Pop along the street to the fishmongers instead. That's because fishcake, stickily speckled, isn't a cake at all. It's a round, flat dollop of mashed potato covered in breadcrumbs.

10 And if you want a Pontefract cake, you'd best nip across the road to the confectioners. Pontefract cakes aren't cakes either. They're liquorice sweets.

11 If you want a piece of 'carrot cake' you couldn't be blamed for popping next door to the green-grocer. However, the green-grocer would send you back across the road to the baker's shop again, for carrot cake is indeed a cake. Made with carrots.

12 If you want a cake of soap you'll have to go back across the road, down the street a bit then turn left, and keep going until you come to the chemists.

13 And if you want some cheese cake Marks and Spencers do a very nice one in three flavours for only 79p a slice. There's a choice of blackcurrant, strawberry or cherry.



14 Cakes are more popular than cars. In Britain last year we bought an incredible 311,850,000 cakes. Yet in the same period only half that number of new cars were sold. And most of those were Japanese, probably.

15 The vast majority of cakes are named after their county of origin. Danish Pastry, French Fancies, Belgian Buns, Rumanian cake, And Arctic Rolls. To name but a few.

16 It's hard to tell, but you would imagine that Belgians or Germans eat more cakes than anyone else.

17 The first ever cake shop was opened on a Moscow side street in 1923.

18 By the year 2000 people will go shopping on the moon and buy space cake.

19 ...

Celebrity Swears



SCARGILL IN NAZI SPACE GUN HORROR

The National Union of Mineworkers have denied allegations that several million pounds collected during the 1984 miners' strike were used by their chairman Arthur Scargill to build a 1,000 foot long steel tubular artillery gun at his home near Barnsley.

PINNO

Commie union boss Scargill, 54, has so far failed to comment on the further allegation that he paid former Nazi war criminals 75p

an hour to act as his personal 'minders' during the fourteen month long dispute.

M.O.D. experts believe that the alleged gun, if it existed, which it didn't, could fire big things a very long way. Perhaps even into space.

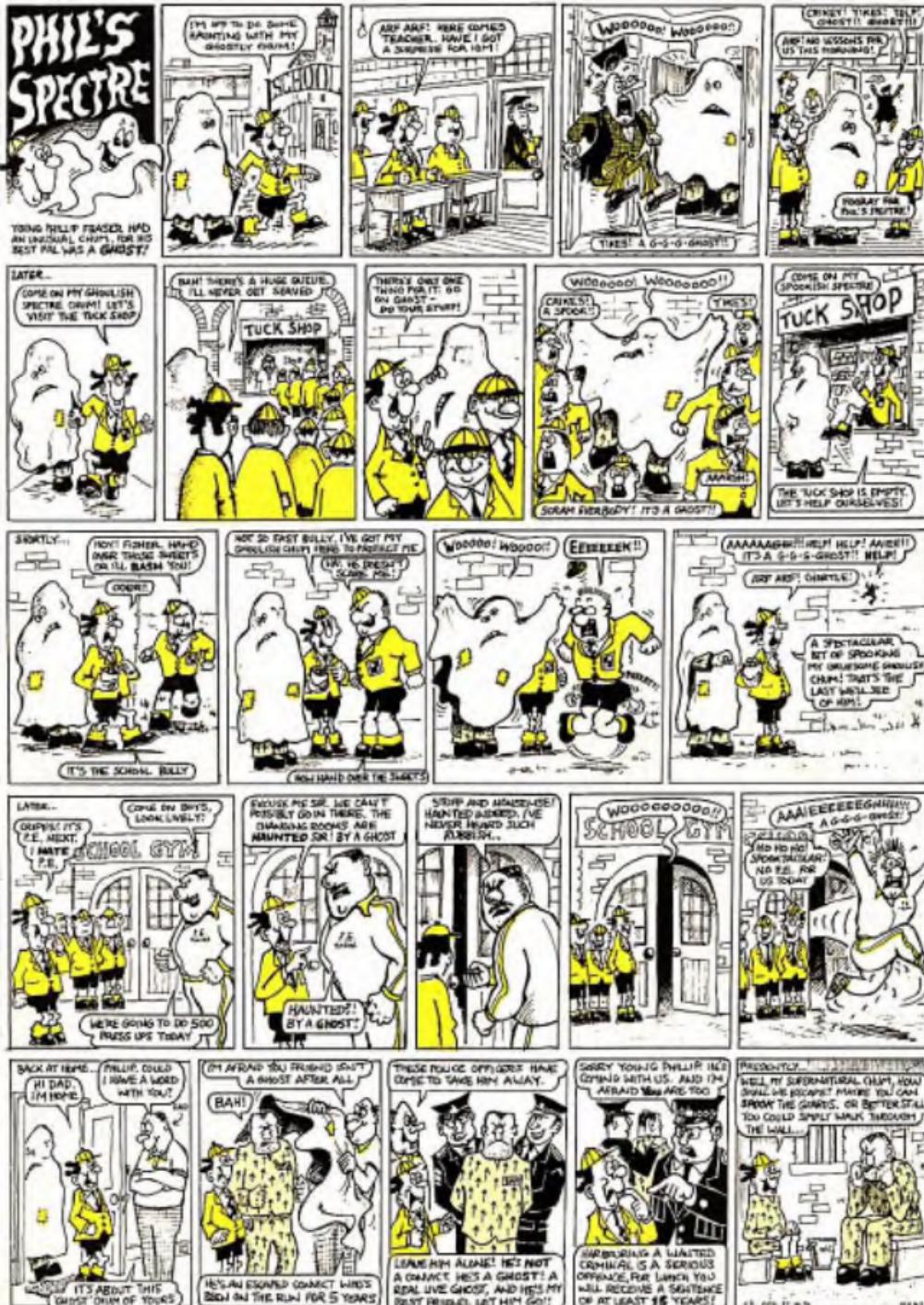


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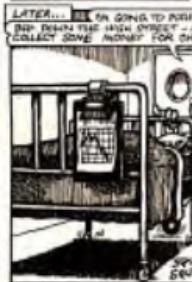


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Killer bees 'the size of a bus' set to invade Britain

By our Science Correspondent

For many centuries the humble bumble bee has been man's best friend, provider of honey, wax and certain types of cheese. But in years to come our friend the bumble bee could become our greatest enemy.

Experts believe that bees are getting bigger, and by the year 2000 swarms of deadly stinging bees, some as large as a fridge, will darken the skies and descend on our towns and cities in search of food. And that food, according to the experts, could well be human flesh.

BEES

Dr. Rudolph Randall, bee expert at Buxton University's Department of Winged Insects, fears the worst. "I believe that bees are increasing in size by around 4 inches per year. At present they are about half an inch long, but according to my research within three years bees will measure over one foot in length".



A bee (left) seen here as we see it today (enlarged), a bus (centre) not to scale, and a bigger bee (right) seen next to it.

Dr. Randall blames these dramatic changes on the greenhouse effect, coupled with acid rain, ozone, pesticides, nuclear power and lead-free petrol.

BUSES

"It is not inconceivable that within our lifetime bees the size of double decker buses will fill the skies", Dr. Randall continued. "Their buzz will be deafening, and their stings, the size of flagpoles, will carry enough poison to kill the entire population of Macclesfield."

"They will have metal teeth, laser vision and sort of windscreen wipers that will spray jets of acid strong enough to melt steel armour plating. And it will be no use trying to shoot them down, because they will be bullet-proof".

BUXTON

Colleagues at Buxton University refused to comment on Dr. Randall's predictions. However, one member of staff we spoke to was surprised by his remarks. "Dr. Randall was involved in a road accident

several months ago and suffered a blow to the head. He hasn't been at work since. Any research which he has done must have been carried out independently."

BUGGER

Dr. Randall did have some good news for the human race. "Bees will be a problem for many years to come", he told us, "but eventually they will all fly away to the moon, and by the year 2025 there won't be any bees left to worry about".

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I WAS THIRD KRAY TWIN

A man claiming to be the 'third Kray twin' yesterday issued a cocky challenge to the British police from his new home on the Costa del Crime. "Having a lovely time — wish you were here!"

Kevin Kray, 27, claims he was the brains behind the Kray's notorious gangland empire in the 60s. And when his twin brothers Ronnie and Reggie were jailed for life in 1969 Kevin fled to Spain, taking with him most of the proceeds from their Mafia-style Eastend operation.

CASE

"I knew the old bill were on my case, so I quit while I was ahead". And while his brothers begin their twenty-first year behind bars, Kevin lives a life of luxury in his £1,200 caravan on a campsite near Malaga.

HANDBAG

"They say crime doesn't pay. Well, I know different", says Kevin, cracking open another can of lager before sitting back to reflect on his life of crime.

HOLDALL

"I remember the sixties well. No-one messed with the Krays. Me and my brothers had London all sewn up. We'd get up in the morning, and rob a bank or two before breakfast. Then in the evening we'd go and murder someone in a pub. It was a great life I can tell you".

SHOPPING TROLLEY

"I knew all the villains. Buster Keaton, Ronnie Knight, John McVicar and Ronald Biggs. In fact, it was me who told old Ronnie Biggs to do the great train robbery — that was my idea".

IGNORED

Kevin is understandably annoyed that his part in the Kray's story has been totally ignored by the makers of the hit film 'The Krays', starring the Kemp brothers out of Spandau Ballet. And despite his wealth and luxury lifestyle, Kevin is up in arms about payments being made to his brothers by the makers of the film.



The Kray twins in their heyday (below): Kevin, Reggie and Ronnie, and (left) Kevin today, living it up on the Costa del Crime.



"It's not fair. Ronnie and Reggie always got all the credit, and now they're getting the money from the film. But I was the mastermind behind our Eastend operations. And I was always meaner than them. Come to think of it, I shot more people in pubs than both of them put together".

REPUTATION

Kevin is quick to point out that despite their reputation for violence, the Krays always played fair. "There were strict rules. We didn't just kill anyone — we only shot our own. And coppers. But that was the way in the Eastend. We were one big happy family".

FORGET

"I'll never forget those days. And my old man, Scarlet. She was fantastic. Just like Lou Beale out of Eastenders".

WRITE

Kevin plans to write his own film version of the Kray's story, starring Neil Tennant out of the Pet Shop Boys as himself. "I don't need the money — I'm probably a millionaire several times over — but I think it's time the true story was told", he explained.

LEFT

Production rights to his film are available for £500 (or nearest offer) from Kevin who can be contacted at his caravan, 'Poloma Blanca', Bel Vista Park, Campo Del Sol, Malaga, Spain.

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE!

Hot under collar Terry's in the doghouse

Terry Thompson thought he'd seen the last of his dog Candy when the lovable labrador went missing during a camping holiday in Cornwall in 1971.

After all attempts to find the dog had failed, eleven year old Terry was in tears as he reluctantly returned to his home in Solihull.

CANDY

Terry had given up all hope of ever seeing Candy alive again. That was until one day in January of this year when Terry, now 30, opened his door to find Candy sitting on the step.

SODA POP

"I couldn't believe it after all those years. Candy had somehow managed to find her way home." Despite the dog's nineteen year ordeal Candy was in good health. "She was a lot smaller than before, and a slightly different colour, and breed, but I'd recognise that wagging tail anywhere."

SASPERILLA

But Terry's joy soon turned to anger when next door neighbour Barry Jenkins rang his doorbell claiming the dog was his pet Rex, and had strayed into Terry's garden through a gap in the fence.

A heated argument ensued and Terry was subsequently arrested and charged with assault, threatening behaviour, and stealing a dog.

POTATO CHIPS

Despite being found guilty and fined £45 Terry remains adamant that the dog is his. "I won't rest until Candy is back where she belongs," he told us yesterday. "And if I don't get her back I'm going to put that bastard's windows in."

DOH! IT MAKES ME SO MAD, SOMEONE'S BEEN SQUEEZING THE 'TOOTSPASTE' FROM THE AND END OF LURE AGAIN, AND PUTTING THE USED MATCHES BACK IN THE BOX...



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